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MARGINAL COLUMN

By HIRRIM REJWAN

WITH cajoling, warnings and barely veiled threats from the Soviet Government becoming an almost daily experience, the position of the Shah of Persia and his Government is becoming more than normally difficult. There is nothing new in the threats themselves, to be sure, but their ominous nature becomes clear when viewed in the context of the new situation created by developments in the area during the past few months. The overthrow of a friendly regime in Baghdad, the possible repercussions of that event on the internal situation in Iran and, above all, the resurgence of the Kurdish nationalist movement, now openly encouraged by the Iraqi Government, have combined to increase the various pressures on Teheran. The result is that, instead of concentrating all its efforts on staving off the obvious danger from its powerful neighbour to the north, the Iranian Government now has to fight on three fronts at the same time.

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THE way in which Teheran has been trying to cope with the new situation has been the only one open to it. The Government has been working for the consolidation of the internal situation on one hand while trying to strengthen its existing ties with the West and friendly countries on the other. In the latter field it has met with limited success. The prolonged and protracted negotiations with the United States for the conclusion of a mutual defence pact do not seem to have been fruitful, what with Washington remaining adamant in refusing to enter new and bigger military commitments and Teheran insisting on greater security guarantees. Although the exact nature of the commitments which Iran seeks from the United States is not known, it is difficult not to sympathize with its viewpoint, considering the many-sided danger of Communist encirclement posed before it at the present moment.

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ON the home front, however, the Iranian Government seems to have been luckier. On October 15 last year, it issued a decree abolishing the feudal custom whereby peasants paid their landlords in kind or in labour. The decree forbade landlords to accept "gifts" such as cattle, lambs, chickens, eggs, marriage dues and presents taken on the eve of festivals. What is more, it abolished "gifts" given in the form of "forced labour" — the performance of services and jobs for the landlord other than those connected with working the share-cropper's own piece of land. The far-reaching implications of this particular reform become apparent when we remember that about 80 per cent of Iran's population of 20m. work on the land, and that much of this land is owned by absentee landlords.

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THIS is about the same as the situation that prevailed in Iraq prior to the recent agrarian reform laws. The peasant, in return for the right to farm the land, shared his crops with the landlord, often on a 50-50 basis, and also rendered services in kind. It is to be noted that the introduction of these reforms came at the expressed wish of the Shah, who is himself considered the country's largest landowner. They were followed by more measures designed to eradicate corruption, one of which requiring all civil and military officials to disclose their wealth and sources of income and those of their wives.

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IT is of course impossible to say whether these reforms, which many in Iran would consider "too late and too little," are in fact going to be put into operation and, if so, whether they will have the desired effect of consolidating the Shah's regime. At a royal press conference on October 26 — the first of its kind in Iran — the Shah stated that the legislation referred to above was part of his programme to convert Iran into "a model State of social and judicial justice and orderly government." But it remains problematical whether this no doubt sincere sentiment will discourage elements inside Iran still working for a more spectacular change — especially now that they have the open support of powerful friends in Iraq. Yet the Shah's position is infinitely sounder than that of Nuri es-Said, although the latter was no less intent to improve the lot of the Iraqis — and was well on the way when his regime was so dramatically toppled.

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IT is also necessary to take into account threats from Afghanistan — now showing much Soviet influence — as well as the increasing pressure of the Kurdish problem — about which Teheran does not seem to be unduly worried right now. If the Kurds of Iraq continue to have the freedom to agitate for a Free Kurdistan, the effects of their activities on Iran's position may prove even more damaging than those of Moscow's unceasing threats.

Jerusalem, February 15.

'Pravda' Publishes Threat to Shah

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" on Saturday accused the Shah of Persia of pursuing a policy like that which "did not help" the late King Faisal of Iraq.

An article signed "Observer" said a proposal for talks made to Russia by the Shah and his Government — later broken off — had been a "blind" to mislead Persian public opinion while a deal was concluded with the U.S.

"Pravda's" comments followed last Wednesday's Soviet note to the Persian government accusing it of taking hostile steps against Russia and "entering the road of aggressive American policies in the Near and Middle East."

The paper said that attempts by the Persian Government to counter its people's "dissatisfaction" by participation in "aggressive military blocs" showed that the Government desired to cut itself off from the people.

"Such a course will lead to no good. A similar policy did not help the king of Iraq and his clique," it said, adding that "an unavoidable crash" awaited the Persian Government if it pursued its present policy.

"This could be a variation of the Cuban fiasco where the dictator had to save himself by escaping as a runaway or a Baghdad version where the people pitilessly wiped out the suborned ruling clique which had been unwilling to heed the national interests. Such is the logic of history."

'Petroleum Romance'

Several Rome newspapers on Saturday morning carried fresh reports from Teheran that the Shah will marry Princess Maria Gabriella of Savoy before the summer.

"Il Tempo," which on Friday carried an Italian denial that the marriage was being promoted as a "petroleum romance" to foster trade relations between Italy and Persia, on Saturday quoted an unofficial source in the Persian court as saying:

"If negotiations now in course bear fruit, a marriage may take place between the Shah and the Princess inside three months."

Russia and Guinea Sign Trade Pact

MOSCOW (Reuter).—The Soviet Union and Guinea have granted each other most-favoured-nation status under a trade and payments agreement just concluded in Conakry, Tass reported on Saturday.

Soviet exports to Guinea will include tractors, agricultural machines, motor cars, ferrous metals and oil products. Guinea will export to the Soviet Union bananas, pineapples and other agricultural products, Tass said.

Soviet Trade Team Due in Sudan

KHARTOUM (Reuter). — A 15-man Soviet trade delegation will arrive here next Saturday, an official spokesman has confirmed here.

During a two-week visit, the group will discuss with the Sudanese Government the Soviet offer to provide technical and other aid and widen trade between the two countries.

In Moscow the agreement concerning Soviet aid to the U.A.R. in the first stage of the construction of the Aswan dam was ratified by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on Friday. The agreement was signed in Cairo on December 27 last year.

Baghdad Radio has reported that Japan has decided to purchase 7,000 tons of cotton from Syria. In return Syria will buy Japanese textiles, electrical supplies, and other products.

Arab Communist H.Q. in Baghdad

The Syrian Communist leader, Khaled Bakdash, will soon leave Moscow for Baghdad to establish a joint headquarters for the Iraqi and Syrian Communist parties, the Arab News Agency reported from East Berlin.

It said that the new group would be called the "General Arab Communist Party," and would be particularly active in Syria.

Bakdash had arrived in Moscow to attend the 21st Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

Anti-Communist Riots in Iraq

Press reports in Beirut and Damascus over the week-end said that anti-Communist demonstrations were held in several Iraqi cities on Friday, and that "tens of persons were killed and injured" in the holy city of Najef, in central Iraq.

Demonstrations in favour of Col. Abdul Salam Aref, the ex-Deputy Premier who was sentenced to death 10 days ago for allegedly attempting to kill Premier Kassem, were held in the city. The marchers also shouted slogans against Communist "provocations," and the presence of left wing elements in the Government.

The demonstrations began after armed Communists from Baghdad were reported to have moved into Najef, shouting provocative slogans and throwing stones at a shrine. When religious leaders retaliated with a parade, a one-hour clash followed in which many were said to have been killed and wounded.

Other demonstrations against "Communist traitors" were said to have been held in Sulelmania, while clashes occurred in Mosul.

The Beirut daily "El Hayat" reported that Aref on Wednesday went on a hunger strike because members of his family were not allowed to see him.

Baghdad Radio was silent about the disturbances, although it reported that a religious leader from Najef, Abdul Karim Zanjani, on Saturday evening sent a cable to Premier Kassem, pledging the support of the people of the city. *(UPI, ANA)*

Voroshilov Cancels Visit to India

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Soviet President Klimenti Voroshilov has cancelled a trip to India because of "ill health," it was announced here Saturday night.

He had been scheduled to arrive here for a state visit on February 24. Instead, Mr. Nuritdin Mukhitdinov, Chairman of the Communist Party's Foreign Affairs Commission, will head a Soviet delegation which will visit India at the end of this month.

TITO TO VISIT EGYPT ON FRIDAY

BELGRADE (Reuter). — President Tito will start "a friendly visit" to the U.A.R. on February 20, it was officially announced here on Saturday.

Rebels Forced Into Suicidal Bid to Breach Algerian Border

ALGIERS (Reuter). — Algerian insurgents captured in a three-day battle on the Tunisian frontier said they had been ordered through the electrified and mined border defences with machineguns at their backs, French military headquarters announced on Saturday.

It was reported that 150 rebels were killed in an attempt to breach this fortified zone and enter Algeria, and that 29 prisoners were taken. The group had totalled 200 men.

The prisoners described how eight of their comrades were ordered to cross the electrified fence. Seven of them were electrocuted or blown up by mines, while the throat of a wounded insurgent was cut by some of his fellows to prevent his falling into French hands and talking. The battle, in which the French said they lost three dead and 33 wounded, took place in the Marsott region.

In Oran, a military court sentenced to death 24 of 42 men accused of acts of terrorism. Eleven of them were sentenced to life imprisonment, and the others to lesser terms.

Meanwhile, the French Government protested to the Tunisian Government that France's Consul-General had been refused permission to see two of 13 men arrested earlier this month for allegedly operating a spy ring. A Foreign Ministry communique said the Tunisians claim the two men are of Algerian nationality.

New Fascist Party Banned in France

PARIS (Reuter). — The Government has banned an extreme right-wing anti-Semitic Nationalist party formed a week ago at a meeting protected by stewards wearing black leather jackets and armbands bearing a Celtic cross, Interior Ministry officials said on Friday.

The decision was taken on Thursday at a cabinet meeting headed by President de Gaulle. It was kept secret while police searched the party's headquarters and the homes of seven party leaders, the officials said.

About a score of young persons were among party adherents rounded up by the police.

The searches were made under Article 10 of the Criminal Code which deals with acts against the internal or external security of the state. Several documents, including party tracts, were seized.

Pierre Sidos, Fascist leader of the party, and his brother, Jacques, were among those whose homes were searched.

Snow in Capital And Safad, More Possible Today

Jerusalem Post Staff

The first snow of the year fell in Jerusalem and the Corridor late Saturday night. In the morning, snow had fallen in Safad and the vicinity and later on in the day at Kibbutz Sasa.

The snowflakes melted almost immediately on the wet ground.

For today (Sunday), the weatherman's forecast is "generally cloudy, with intermittent showers, and, possibly, snow in the hill regions."

Rain fell throughout the country over the week-end as far south as Beersheba.

Rain in the Ashkelon area was accompanied by high winds. Farmers in the area report that so far about half the average annual rain has fallen. The settlement of Nahal Oz reported 65mm. of rain up till 8 a.m. Saturday morning, bringing this season's total to 150mm. as compared with an average annual rainfall of 350mm.

Winter Crops In Negev Total Loss

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There will be no combines harvesting the fields of the Negev this year, it was learned here on Friday, following official confirmation of the total loss of the Negev's unirrigated winter field-crops. Most of the machines will have to go into "mothballs" instead in their garages.

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman refused to comment on reports in Friday's press that an estimated 75 per cent of the country's total winter grain and fodder were involved. He suggested that these reports were still somewhat premature and that the Ministry would know definitely only in a fortnight.

Fields in the Hula, the Western Emek, the Haifa Bay area and the coastal plain are reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Cabinet to Study Dag Border Plan

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Cabinet is expected at its meeting on Sunday (today) to discuss the proposal of the U.N. Secretary-General that the Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization carry out a survey on "the underlying causes of the tension on the U.A.R.-Israel borders."

Mr. Hammarskjold also seeks to give Gen. Carl von Horn special authority concerning the cease-fire supervision in border areas on completion of the survey.

High-level consultations on the proposed survey took place at the Prime Minister's Office and at the Foreign Ministry last week. It is understood that while there is no particular objection to a fresh border survey, there are certain doubts on Israel's part as to the desirability of broadening the authority of the U.N.T.S.O. which may be an outcome of such a survey, and the possible lessening of Israel authority in a sensitive area.

The seeking of wider authority for U.N.T.S.O. by U.N. circles may particularly affect the demilitarized zones in Israel.

The Cabinet will hold a morning and an afternoon session in order to discuss many items held over from previous meetings. The Progressive Party's demand for tax reductions in the medium and high-income brackets will be discussed. The party's Executive last week had decided to consider quitting the Cabinet should the demands be rejected.

The Cabinet may also discuss problems connected with the renewed mass immigration, primarily in connection with housing and employment, as well as with new measures to finance immigration. The Minister of Education, Mr. Z. Aranne, is expected to complete his report on Israel education which he began last week.

JOHN FOSTER DULLES

Dulles Suffers From Cancer

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower announced on Saturday that Secretary of State Dulles has cancer of an undetermined extent and will continue to take leave of absence for treatment.

The President, who visited his ailing Secretary of State at Walter Reed Army Hospital in the morning, said in a statement that he expressed "the thoughts and prayers of all of us that the results of his operation and the further course of treatment will be successful."

He added that Mr. Dulles, who will be 71 on February 26, would continue to take leave of absence while radiation therapy to kill the malignancy was undertaken. He entered hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. Christian Herter, the Under-Secretary of State, flew back to Washington on Saturday afternoon from his holiday in the south to assume the duties of acting Secretary of State.

Authoritative sources say it is a "fair guess" that Mr. Herter will replace Mr. Dulles if the Western big three foreign ministers meet in Paris in March to coordinate strategy on Berlin and Germany.

It is also possible that Mr. Dulles will not be in a condition to attend a possible Foreign Ministers' conference with the Soviet Union in the spring.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary had received the report of Mr. Dulles' illness "with great regret."

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said the announcement was "very bad news for the Western powers."

But Italian politicians expressed mixed feelings at the prospect that Mr. Dulles might be absent from his duties for a considerable time. Large sections of opinion in Rome have opposed his policies, especially in the Middle East over Egypt and the Suez affair. Others resent his attitude to the North Atlantic Pact which, they feel, overstressed the role of the U.S. and Britain to the neglect of smaller powers such as Italy.

Statesmen Must Cooperate, Say 'Afro-Asians'

TEL AVIV. — A call to the world's statesmen to "turn away from competition and embrace cooperation as a basis for human relations" was issued on Saturday by the 60 participants in the Afro-Asian Seminar on Cooperation.

At a public meeting in Beit Lessin to mark the conclusion of the three-month course, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion declared that a free cooperative society had now become a universal necessity. This was the message which the participants of the seminar, consciously or not, had brought with them and which, he concluded, he hoped they would disseminate on their return.

Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, pointed out that the Labour Federation had as one of its tasks the strengthening of the unity between the worker and his State. This was of primary importance to all under-developed countries.

Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Histadrut Political Department, declared that he saw in the seminar a continuation of past efforts towards cooperation with other nations of Africa and Asia. He expressed the wish that it would pave the way towards more comprehensive and deeper contacts.

Chief Daku of Western Nigeria, Miss Tayetch Beyene of Ethiopia, Mr. G. Oteng of Ghana and Mr. Omprakash Gupta of India spoke on behalf of the participants in the seminar.

A resolution adopted by the participants and addressed to the world cooperative movements, declared:

"In a world torn apart by disease, ignorance, ideologies and power politics, we feel that we, as the symbol of peaceful cooperators engaged in the research for better cooperation, have every right to make our cooperative voice heard in the assembly of mankind that grapples hopelessly to attain peace.

"If power rests on size, we can boast that in our two continents live more than half the human race, but far more than mere size is the spiritual heritage which these two continents have given to mankind in religion and culture.

"It is our earnest desire that, uniform with this heritage, may come the choice of progress and not suicide, and the world's statesmen and politicians may turn away from competition and embrace cooperation as a basis for human relationships. Shalom — peace and good luck."

Alon Says Nehru Understands Israel

NEW DELHI (INA). — Mr. Yigal Alon, M.K., on Saturday met for 70 minutes with Premier Nehru. They discussed Middle East problems and mutual relations, as well as questions of cooperative farming.

Mr. Alon later said that "Mr. Nehru has full understanding of the problem and desires Israel's prosperity. The talk was very useful."

Mr. Alon met the Vice-President and the Ministers of Defence, Agriculture, Transport, and Community and Development. He also exchanged views with other political leaders and with the Chief of Staff. He stated that he found "the Indian attitude towards Israel," very friendly and that "the Indian intellectual classes desire more information about Israel."

Mr. Alon is proceeding to the U.S. for a three-week lecture tour.

At the opening of the third meeting of the National Building Council, Premier Nehru commended the Israel example of builders cooperatives replacing contractors. He emphasized the need to eliminate intermediaries in construction work.

NATO Approves Replies to Russia

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Western Foreign Ministers may meet in Paris before the beginning of April if developments of the German situation warrant it, the State Department said on Friday.

The Department said that the four-power allied working group had ended its discussions here on the German problem and planned to meet again in Paris about March 1.

In the French capital, the 15-nation Permanent Council of Nato on Friday approved the Western draft replies to Russia's latest proposals on Germany.

A Nato spokesman said the replies were expected to be delivered in Moscow early this week.

Sources close to Nato said the West would propose a four-power Foreign Ministers conference with the Soviet Union to discuss the whole German problem. They will also recommend that East and West advisers attend the conference.

According to the same sources, the West would reject Soviet arguments over Berlin and, for the time being, Russia's call for a 28-nation conference on a German peace treaty. The West would also reaffirm its rights in Berlin and its determination to maintain free access to the city.

An East-West meeting on Germany would probably be held some time in May. The best site, in the Western view, would be Geneva or Vienna.

Makarios to London For Cyprus Conference

Tripartite Talks Start Tomorrow

LONDON (Reuter). — Archbishop Makarios, exiled leader of the Greek Cypriots, is due here on Sunday (today) to take part in the tripartite British-Greek-Turkish talks on the future of Cyprus which open on Tuesday.

The holding of the conference was announced on Friday after a meeting between Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Evangelos Averoff, and the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Fatin Zorlu.

They invited both Archbishop Makarios and Dr. Fadil Kutchuk, the Turkish Cypriot leader. The Archbishop has asked 23 Greek Cypriot leaders in Cyprus to join him in the talks.

It was not yet known whether the Greek and Turkish Prime Ministers would attend. An invitation was sent to Premier Karamanlis in Athens on Saturday, but he is suffering from a slight attack of influenza.

The tripartite conference will follow the meeting in Zurich last week between the Greek and Turkish Prime Ministers when it was agreed that Cyprus would become an independent and sovereign state, with a mixed Greco-Turkish garrison and British bases.

Foot Recalled

The Cyprus Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, took part in the preparatory talks for the conference held in London, where he had been summoned specially. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, interrupted a visit to Aden and will arrive here on Sunday (today) to attend the talks.

Dr. Kutchuk said in Ankara on Saturday that Turkish and Turkish Cypriot leaders believe that "the rights of the Turkish community in Cyprus are defended in every way" under the agreement.

In Athens, Archbishop Makarios held further consultations with Bishop Antimos of Kitium who has welcomed the Turco-Greek agreement, and with exiled Bishop Kyprianos of Kyrenia who has strongly condemned it. The 23 Greek Cypriot leaders who will join Makarios in London will include the three left wing Mayors of Limassol, Larnaca and Famagusta, who will represent left wing opinion at the conference. They will fly on a BEA plane especially diverted from Lydda.

In Nicosia, 41 more Greek Cypriot detainees were released on Saturday, bringing down the number of those held on the island to 1,061. In Athens, 60 Greek officers and men withdrawn last June from a N.A.T.O. base at Izmir, southern Turkey, because of tension over the Cyprus problem, were standing by for orders to return to Turkey.

Moscow Radio charged that the Greco-Turkish agreement ignored the rights and interests of Cypriots and that the Greek and Turkish representatives made a deal "behind the backs of the Cypriots."

Revival of Balkan Treaty Mooted

LONDON (Reuter). — Greece and Turkey are likely to approach Yugoslavia soon to try to revive the Balkan Pact which the three countries signed in August, 1954, an informed source said here on Saturday.

Joint staff consultations were held at first between the three countries but diplomatic observers said the pact's military provisions were soon put into cold storage for two reasons: Greece and Turkey were in dispute over Cyprus, and Yugoslavia came to follow a policy of economic and cultural, rather than military, cooperation with its allies.

With the Cyprus dispute virtually settled, both Greece and Turkey were reported to be interested in reviving the military side of the pact as a contribution to stability in the Balkans and the eastern Mediterranean. However, recent reports from Belgrade have indicated that Yugoslavia might not be willing to revive the pact. A Yugoslav government spokesman was quoted on Friday as saying Yugoslavia saw the pact "only as an instrument for the strengthening and expansion of cultural, economic and other cooperation."

President Tito is to visit Athens towards the end of the month and it was thought here that Greek leaders might take the opportunity for informal talks with him there about Yugoslavia's attitude towards the pact. In Belgrade, the official spokesman denied that the President is to meet together with the Greek and Turkish Premiers.

Ne Win Resigns As Burma's P.M.

RANGOON (Reuter). — General Ne Win on Friday resigned as Prime Minister of Burma, as predicted Thursday night.

It was expected that powerful groups in the Anti-Fascist People's League would ask him to carry on for a further six months. The General complained on Thursday that separatist groups were undermining the unity of the Burmese nation.

Ne Win

Ne Win, former Army Chief of Staff, became Prime Minister on October 29 following the resignation of U Nu, Burma's veteran philosopher-statesman.

30 Hurt in Three-Day Riot Between Kafr Kanna Clans

KAFR KANNA. — Thirty persons were injured, five of them seriously, in a three-day clash between the traditionally feuding Moslem clans of Taha and Awadi. One of the seriously injured was a police officer from Nazareth.

More than 50 villagers had been arrested by Saturday night, at which time an uneasy peace was being maintained in the village by strategically posted police units.

The brawls began Thursday evening when women from both clans drawing water from the village well began to quarrel. Men of both families soon joined in and knives and stones were brought into play. An elder of the Awadi clan, 62-year-old Rasib el Awad, was seriously injured in the head and taken to hospital in Nazareth.

Police were summoned and quelled the disturbance. But soon after dawn on Friday, fighting flared up again. Police reinforcements were hastily summoned from Tiberias, Beisan and Afula. Elders of neighbouring villages, including Sheikh Saleh Salim, M.K., "sulha king," arrived at the scene and by late Friday night both sides had agreed to a truce until a final peace-feast could be arranged.

On Saturday morning, however, a rumour spread that el Awad had died, and fighting broke out again. This time sticks, stones and axes were supplemented by rifles and pistols, for which some villagers have licences. Steel-helmeted police broke up the riot and dispersed the villagers.

Castro to Become Premier Tomorrow

HAVANA. — Fidel Castro will on Monday take leave of his post as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to become Premier of Cuba, it was announced on Saturday.

Informed sources said the armed forces command probably would go to his younger brother, Raul, recently named second in charge.

Mr. Castro on Friday promised a mass meeting of workers who were protesting against the closure of Cuba's casinos that the casinos would be reopened for business next Wednesday.

Jakarta to Take Over Ex-Dutch Estates

JAKARTA (Reuter). — The Government has decided to nationalize all former Dutch estates in Indonesia, Agriculture Minister Sadjarwo said on Saturday. He added that an official announcement would be made within a week.

In the Hague, the Foreign Ministry said it regarded the Indonesian decision as "completely unacceptable under international law," and that the Dutch Government was "preparing steps towards the Indonesian Government."

On Friday, the Indonesian Government signed an agreement with West German companies transferring the auction for Indonesian tobacco from Amsterdam to Bremen.

Emergency Powers For Ceylon Gov't

COLOMBO (Reuter). — The political atmosphere was tense here on Saturday as Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike, in a nation-wide broadcast, defended his Government's intention of assuming new security powers.

TOV TO MEXICO

Dr. Moshe Tov, a member of the Israel delegation to the U.N., is to replace Aluf David Shaltiel as Ambassador to Mexico, it is learned in Jerusalem. It is not yet certain whether Mr. Shaltiel will replace Mr. Haim Yahil as Ambassador to Sweden or will return home. He has already served ten years in the foreign service.

UNEF KILLS ARAB GOING INTO GAZA STRIP

UNITED NATIONS (INA).—The U.N. reported on Friday that an armed Arab, one of a group, was fatally wounded by a U.N. Emergency Force patrol as he tried to cross from Israel to the Gaza Strip.

The communique, issued by UNEF in Gaza, declared that "an armed Arab was fatally wounded by a U.N. Emergency Force patrol last night, while he was trying to cross the Armistice Demarcation line to the Gaza Strip, south-east of Beit Hanun."

The communique continued: "The Arab was one of a group which was observed approaching the demarcation line. Firing was coming from Israel in the direction of the UNEF patrol. One man, after being challenged, continued to run toward the patrol, while the remainder of the group turned back.

"This man was shot and killed when he ignored the order to stop. He was armed with a pistol and a hand grenade. The body was turned over to the local U.A.R. authorities, who were requested to endeavour to identify and take action against the other members of the group, who had contravened the regulations against infiltration."

SYRIAN ATTACK

A Syrian position opened rifle and machinegun fire at shepherds from Kfar Szold on Thursday afternoon, the Army spokesman announced on Friday. The shepherds were tending their flocks north of the settlement inside Israel territory.

The Syrian fire continued for about 20 minutes. It was not returned and no one was injured.

All U.S. Jewish Groups Unite for UJA

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — For the first time in the history of American Jewry, all Jewish organizations will convene on Sunday to draw up a programme for organizational support of the United Jewish Appeal.

While many organizations have cooperated to a greater or lesser degree in supporting the U.J.A., this is the first conference for the Fund representing the entire gamut of organized American Jewry, except for the anti-Zionist Council for Judaism. It may be added that it is the first conference of all Jewish organizations for any purpose since the demise of the American Jewish Conference in 1947.

Only the grave emergency caused by the sudden large-scale influx of immigration to Israel from Eastern Europe could bring about this commendable unity. The nucleus was the Presidents' Club of 27 organizations which convened the conference. But other groups, such as the influential American Jewish Committee, which have held loof from the Presidents' Club, will send delegates to today's meeting. They realize that the rescue of East European Jews is the responsibility of every Jew, no matter what his feelings towards Israel and Zionism.

Most of the discussion today will be off the record. Confidential reports will be given by Mrs. Golda Meir (who arrived here on Friday), Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mr. Abba Eban and Rabbi Herbert Friedman. The resolutions and declarations will be made public.

It is the hope of U.J.A. leaders that this conference will result in a break-through to the large section of "middle-givers" who are members of these organizations, particularly in New York City. The U.J.A. now receives over 80 per cent of its income from "big-givers" and has never solved the problem of how to reach "middle-givers" at not too great an expense. This conference may be able to work out techniques reaching these people through the organizations to which they belong.

INA reports that the Jewish Labour Committee convoked a closed conference of all leaders of unions in which there is a large Jewish membership to discuss how to organize relief for Rumanian Jewry through the unions. The meeting, which was attended by David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garments Workers Union and other top labour leaders, decided to issue an appeal to each union member to participate in the unprecedented emergency.

It was assumed that each union member would be asked to contribute one week's wages to the U.J.A. campaign.

'Al Ahram' Says Immigration is Great Menace

CAIRO (Reuter). — The semi-official newspaper "Al Ahram" said on Saturday that the mass migration of Jews from Eastern Europe to Israel was the "greatest menace to Arab nationalism at present."

The front-page report, carried under a huge red headline, "The Great Danger," is the climax of recent press attacks on Communism and contains the first details of the migration of Jews from Eastern Europe to be published in the Egyptian press.

The newspaper said that Israel could now mobilize 250,000 soldiers but that when present plans to bring three million immigrants into Israel are completed, she would have an army of 600,000 men and would try to expand at the expense of the neighbouring Arab countries.

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Social & Personal

A reception was held for Miss Margaret Meagher, the Canadian Ambassador, by the Rehovot chapter of Wizo at the San Martin club last week.

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The Minister-Charge d'Affaires of the Burmese Embassy, U Tin Maung Gyi, has given a dinner for Dr. Daniel Lewin, the Israel Ambassador in Burma. Among the guests were Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Reuven Shiloah, the Political Adviser to the Foreign Minister, and senior Foreign Ministry officials. Major Thon Siwa of the Burmese army group now in Israel, was also present.

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The 85 members of the Western Canada group now touring Israel under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund were on Friday evening the guests of honour at a dinner party given by the J.N.F. Head Office. The dinner was addressed by Mr. Yosef Weitz, of the J.N.F. Directorate; Mr. Michael Comay, Assistant Director General of the Foreign Ministry and former Ambassador to Canada; Mr. Mordechai Ish-Shalom, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, and Rabbi Milton Aaron; Mr. S. Lowy was in the chair. On Friday morning, the visitors participated in a ceremony dedicating the new groves in the J.N.F. Canada Wood in the Jerusalem Corridor.

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Members of the delegation of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Chicago were welcomed recently at the Hadassah Visitors Club in Jerusalem by Mrs. Myriam Granott, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, and were guided around Hadassah's medical and vocational training institutions in the Jerusalem area.

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Mr. Olaf Rydbeck, Director-General of the Swedish Broadcasting Service, visited the Hebrew University on Friday.

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Mr. Sam Harbour, of London, visited the Hebrew University on Friday.

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Visitors to Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, last week included the chairman of the South African Mizrahi Organisation and Mrs. M. Kossowsky; Rev. and Mrs. Th. Heimrach of Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Vice-President of the United Appeal of Australia and Mrs. S. Edelman, of Perth.

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Prof. Max Gluckman, of the University of Manchester, will lecture on "The Sociology of Gossip and Scandal" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 6.45 p.m., today, in the Abraham Mazer Building, the University campus.

French Travel Agents Here for Tour

LYDDA AIRPORT. — A group of eight French travel agents arrived here by El Al on Thursday night for a seven-day visit as guests of the Government Tourist Corporation.

They are among 150 foreign travel agents invited here with the aim of encouraging winter tourism to Israel.

The group are:

M. Pierre Nail, of Voyages Knoni; M. Francois Gluck, of the Centre Technique de Tourisme; M. Francois Olivier, of A.T.V.A.; M. Pierre Le Bourgeois, of Voyages Le Bourgeois; M. Charles Vieuchange, of Voyages Herlinger; M. Jean-Jacques Olivier, of General Tours; M. Jean Ohresser, of Wagons-Lit Cook and M. Raymond Michaca, of Agence Havas.

ISRAELIS TO GET TRAINING IN U.K.

LONDON (INA). — Seventeen Israelis, all veterans of various kibbutzim, will undergo two months' training in the use and maintenance of British-made tractors and other equipment in three large British industries.

The Israelis, who are due here Sunday, will train within the framework of the ORT, with the Ford Tractor Division, International Harvester and Fergusson.

ISRAEL EXPORTS to Algeria totalled IL183,000 in 1958, it was officially announced on Thursday. Under the 1959 Israel-French trade agreement, the list of items which Israel is permitted to export to Algeria includes second-hand clothing, false teeth and air conditioning equipment.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 422 from Munich and Vienna, 6.55. El Al 406 from Istanbul, 1630. Air France 193 from Tokyo, Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Karachi and Teheran, 1730. B.E.A. 126 from London, Rome and Athens, 2250. El Al 210 from N.Y., Paris and Rome, 0205. Swissair 232 from Zurich and Athens, 0055. (Monday).

DEPARTURES: T.W.A. 741 to Athens, Rome, Zurich, Frankfurt and N.Y. 0845. El Al 405, to Istanbul, 0900. B.E.A. 129, to Athens, Zurich and London, 0930. Alitalia 499 to Rome, 1305. El Al 201 to Athens, Zurich, London and N.Y., 1500. Air France 193, to Rome and Paris, 1830.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
February 15, 1959

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal

Before the Justices Sussman, Landau and Witkon.

Haim Kalkoda, v. Egged and Others

Sections 28 and 37 of Courts Law Interpreted

The Supreme Court, by majority decision, dismissed an appeal against a decision of the Haifa District Court, delivered on April 17, 1958 (in Motion 1/58).

The appellant, Haim Kalkoda, had reached an agreement with Egged, the respondents, whereby the latter undertook to rent him a shop in the bus terminal in Afula as soon as construction had been completed. Mr. Kalkoda, in turn, undertook to pay Egged a premium of IL10,000 for the shop. After he had already paid IL4,500, Egged refused to complete the transaction and deliver possession of the shop. Mr. Kalkoda thereupon brought an action against them in the Magistrates' Court for specific performance of the agreement of lease. At the same time his Counsel asked for an *ex parte* injunction restraining Egged from letting the shop to anyone else.

The Magistrate, in considering this latter application, held that only the District Court has jurisdiction to deal with an action for specific performance of a lease agreement and transferred the matter to the Haifa District Court, in accordance with section 37 of the Courts Law, 1957.

Judge Y. Cohen of the Haifa District Court accepted Egged's argument that the Magistrate's Court had had jurisdiction in the matter and refused to consider the application for an injunction on the grounds that the action did not come within the jurisdiction of the District Court. He held that the fact that the Magistrate's decision on the question of jurisdiction had been given *ex parte*, without Egged's having been given an opportunity to contest it, entitled the latter to raise the question again in the District Court; and held further that he could not return the matter to the Magistrates' Court because he was debarred from doing so by section 37 (b) of the Courts Law, 1957, the Magistrate having already transferred the matter to the District Court. He therefore gave Mr. Kalkoda leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Section 37(a) of the Courts Law provides that where a Court finds that it cannot deal with a matter because it does not come within its jurisdiction, it may transfer the matter to the Court or Tribunal which has jurisdiction; and section 37(b) lays down that the court or tribunal to which the matter has been transferred, may not transfer it again.

Section 28 of the Courts Law, in which the jurisdiction of the magistrates' courts is defined, provides that those courts may deal with all civil actions — except such pertaining to immovable property — in which the sum involved is not more than IL1,500, and may also hear claims concerning the possession or use of immovable property, whatever the value of the subject matter of the claim may be; but may not hear any other claims regarding immovable property.

Section 38 of the Courts Law, on the other hand, provides that when in an action lawfully brought before a court, an incidental question arises on which a decision is necessary for the prosecution of the action, then this same court may decide it, even though it comes within the exclusive jurisdiction of another court or tribunal.

In the appeal against the District Court decision Mr. Geiger and Mr. Karmi appeared for the appellant and Mr. Ilt for the respondents (Egged).

Judgment

Justice Sussman, who delivered the main judgment of the Supreme Court, considered firstly the interpretation of section 37 of the Courts Law, with particular reference to the case under consideration. The purpose and intention of section 37, he said, is to put an end to a situation whereby a litigant may be sent empty-handed from one court to another and at the same time to remedy the previous state of affairs under which a litigant who erroneously applied to the wrong court had his action dismissed out of hand.

Section 37 should, therefore, be construed, he held, as meaning that any decision of one court to transfer a matter to another court shall be decisive, or else the whole intention of the legislator would be set at nought, as witness the case under consideration, in which the appellant has already been litigating for more than a year without having found a court prepared to consider his claim. And this principle applies, he continued, even when the transfer order is made by a court of lower instance to a court of higher instance.

As to whether the question of jurisdiction may be reconsidered by the court to which a matter has been transferred, Justice Sussman said he was compelled to disagree with the District Court that this was permissible when the transfer order was given *ex parte*. For in such a case the remedy lay in appealing against the order to the District Court or in asking for it to be set aside in accordance with Rule 163 of the Procedure in Magistrates' Courts Rules, 1960. And as the respondents had done neither, the order remained valid and extant. However, he continued, as it would appear that the Magistrate's transfer order had still not been served on the respondents, they still had an opportunity of applying for it to be set aside or of appealing against it. For this reason, therefore, it would be as well to consider the merits of the case too, in order to settle once and for all the question as to which court has jurisdiction.

Ownership or Possession

Justice Sussman then went on to discuss the question of whether the appellant's claim is one concerning the possession of immovable property within the meaning of section 28 (2) of the Courts Law (in which case it would come within the jurisdiction of the magistrates' courts). After detailed consideration of the question, with reference to those sections of the Magistrates Courts Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1947, which have been superseded by section 28 of the Courts Law, he concluded that the magistrates' court may now hear a claim involving ownership of immovable property if this question is incidental to the main action for recovery of possession. Furthermore, the magistrates' courts may now undoubtedly also grant equitable remedies including that of specific performance (see C.A. 46/52, P.D. 7/1096).

The case under consideration, however, he continued, is *sui generis* in that it is an action for specific performance of an agreement of lease, the appellant's Counsel arguing that it is therefore not an action concerned with the possession of immovable property but one concerned with the existence of an agreement, which has been repudiated by the respondents. But, Justice Sussman held, after giving detailed consideration to this argument, the question of whether such an agreement had been made or not is incidental to the appellant's action for possession and the mere fact that the court would have to consider this question does not turn the action into "any other claim regarding immovable property" within the meaning of section 28, and thus beyond the jurisdiction of the magistrates' courts.

In addition, Justice Sussman continued, the agreement between the appellants and the respondents might possibly be described as a "future contract of hire" within the meaning of article 408 of the Mejelle. In such a case any action brought by the lessee against the lessor's refusal to allow him the use of the property when the date of the agreement falls due would most certainly come within the framework of an action concerned with possession — only the action would be one in law and not in equity.

Turning next to the question of whether specific performance of an agreement of lease may be granted, Justice Sussman discussed the equitable rule that equity regards something which should be done as having already been done, holding that on the basis of this rule if the magistrates' court should find that it was justifiable to give the appellant specific performance of his agreement with the respondents then the appellant would be regarded as having already rented the property and, as such, would be entitled to recover possession.

In short, the appellant's claim for specific performance is one concerned with the possession of immovable property, Justice Sussman held, and both the claim and the remedy sought come within the jurisdiction of the magistrates' court.

Justice Landau

Justice Landau concurred with Justice Sussman that the appellant's action is one concerned with possession and thus comes within the jurisdiction of the magistrates' court. He dissented, however, from that part of Justice Sussman's judgment dealing with the interpretation of section 37(b) of the Courts Law, holding that, in his opinion, the law does not give a court to which a matter has been transferred by another court the power to deal with it if, in fact, it has no jurisdiction to do so by law. For this section, he continued, merely provides that a court to which a matter has been transferred by another court may not pass it on further. It does not provide that this latter court must consider the matter even if it has no intrinsic jurisdiction to do so. The only way in which a problem of this nature — where each court denies its own jurisdiction — could be solved, he held, is by referring it to the decision of a court of higher instance, and not by imposing jurisdiction where none exists.

Justice Witkon

Justice Witkon, on the other hand, concurred with that part of Justice Sussman's judgment concerning the interpretation of section 37 (b) but disagreed that the appellant's action comes within the jurisdiction of the magistrates' court. For, he said, he could not agree with Justice Sussman that there is no difference between an action for recovery of possession based on the termination of an agreement between two parties and an action for the recovery (or transfer) of possession based on an existing agreement.

In the former case, he continued, the plaintiff does not seek any remedy with regard to the existence or termination of the agreement, and any court decision on this score would be merely a condition precedent to an order for recovery of possession. In the latter case, however, where the action is one for specific performance of the agreement, the execution of the agreement is both the cause of action and the remedy sought by the plaintiff. The recognition of the existence of such an agreement is therefore not incidental to obliging the defendant to hand over possession but is the basic right to which the plaintiff is laying claim.

Justice Witkon held that this is the distinction which the legislator wished to draw in section 28 of the Courts Law and for this reason he considered that the magistrates' court has no jurisdiction in the case under consideration.

Appeal dismissed by majority decision, with IL300 costs.

Judgment given on January 8, 1959.

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Larger Ships For Eilat-Africa Run

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Cargoes shipped through Eilat Port by five Zim-owned or operated ships have trebled during the past year, and now total 10,000 tons a month. They are made up of imports and exports in almost equal proportions, *The Jerusalem Post* learns from a Zim source. In view of the increasing traffic, which has made Eilat a thriving port town, the firm intends to put larger ships into service soon on the Eilat-East and South Africa route.

The Eilat line was started 18 months ago with one vessel, the 1,500-ton Atlit. Now she has been joined by the 2,800-ton Caesarea; two Zim-chartered ships, the 2,350-ton German Pelion and the 2,550-ton Danish Nielsen. Zim also serves as agent for the Dutch s.s. Emmapolder, owned by the Cornelder Lines.

10 Ports of Call

The ships sail down the coast of East Africa to South Africa putting in at as many as ten ports on the way. The frequent ports of call enable exporters to ship their goods by direct delivery to many places. This makes freight cheaper, safer and more efficient than the transshipments that are usual for smaller ports. There are two to three sailings from Eilat each month, and the ships are always full. The firm's operators are satisfied with port facilities, which have now been enlarged.

The main export items carried are cartons, chocolates, sweets and halva, cement, potash, clothing and textiles and chemicals from the Dead Sea Works. Trial exports of phosphates and plaster from the Negev are to begin soon and a first trial consignment of 4,000 cases of citrus fruit was recently sent to Kenya, with another to leave next month. Imports from Africa consist mainly of oil seeds, coffee and Incode meat products.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** —
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Tours:**—
Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.
• **Zoo:**—
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8-6.
• **Film Shows:** —
Israel Films daily, 11.30 a.m. Keren Hayesod Hall.
• **Exhibitions:** —
"Sculpture in Israel 1948-1958." Artists' House, 10-1; 4-6.
New finds from excavations of the French Archaeological Mission at Beersheba. Chalcolithic Ossuaries from Azor. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. 9-1; 3-5.
Permanent exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art. Expressionism UNESCO Travelling Exhibition of Watercolours (reproductions). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum. 9-1; 3.30-6.
• **Lecture postponed:** —
Joseph Tal's lecture at the Beeri Club has been postponed, owing to tonight's I.P.O. Concert.
• **Parade:** —
Women soldiers on parade at an Army Camp. Contact Government Tourist Information Offices.

TEL AVIV

• **Theatre:** —
Cameri: "A Doll's House," 8. Ohel: "Black Sabbath", (Sold out), 8.30.
• **Exhibitions:** —
Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum. Closed on account of preparations for the great exhibition of seventeenth century Dutch art. Opening February 18.
• **E.O.A. House:**—
Tourist Service, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Musical Forum — "Madame Butterfly," recording of Opera, 8.30.
• **Tourist Service:**—
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 38239.
Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 36325. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Modern Art in Israel, Artists' & Sculptors' Gallery, Beit Hamalin, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7.
Oils and gouaches by Yehuda Rapaport. Artists' Pavilion, 9 Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7.

• **Israel National Opera:** —
"Madame Butterfly". (Soldiers performance), 8.30.
• **Zoological Gardens:** —
Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.
• **Parade:**—
Women soldiers on parade at an Army camp. Contact Government Tourist Information Offices.

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• **Tourist Service:**—
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Hehaluta, Tel. 67955.
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Auriol Quits Party, Mendes-France Excluded

PARIS (Reuter). — M. Vincent Auriol, 74, President of France from 1947 to 1954, on Thursday announced his retirement from the Socialist Party because of disagreement over the leadership of M. Guy Mollet.

M. Auriol added that he and his wife remain "in thought and feeling with our comrades."

M. Pierre Mendes-France, 51 year-old former Premier, was on Wednesday formally declared to be no longer a member of the Radical Socialist Party because of his membership of the Union of Democratic Forces, U.F.D.

The U.F.D. campaigned against de Gaulle's constitution in the referendum last September.

US Editors Due to Study Immigrant Problems

NEW YORK (INA). — A group of 15 editors of major American newspapers from all parts of the U.S., as well as noted radio commentators, departed for Israel Saturday evening by El Al to study the settlement of Rumanian immigrants.

After spending over a week in Israel the group will proceed to Vienna to study on the spot the problems of the Jews arriving there from Rumania en route to Israel. The newsmen are due to arrive in Israel tonight.

The group was organized by the United Jewish Appeal and includes editors from newspapers in New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities.

Detention of Hadera Bank Head Extended

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA. — The detention of Ya'acov Gavish, former manager of the Hadera branch of the Workers Bank, was extended for 15 days on Friday by Magistrate Y. Margalit. Gavish is accused of embezzling IL30,000 from the bank. In view of poor health, however, he will be confined to the Ramle Prison hospital.

FIRE. — Five barrack buildings were destroyed by fire in the British Army transit camp at the Hook of Holland, but there were no casualties.

Youth Offenders Bill Drawn Up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bill is being drawn up by the Ministry of Welfare for presentation to the Government which would

- raise the age of minors responsible under the law from the present age of nine to 12,
- forbid taking fingerprints of minors up to the age of 15, and
- establish a special juvenile court.

The juvenile delinquency bill would require the police to hold detained youngsters apart from adult offenders, and escort and interrogate them separately. The fingerprints of youngsters over 15 would only be taken for specified offences.

The juvenile court would sit in various parts of the country. At present there are no such courts, although magistrates are designated to sit in cases involving juvenile delinquents.

According to the bill, the police would be required to inform the parents and the district probation officer as soon as they discover that a juvenile has committed an offence.

Fish Breeders Halt Carp Marketing

HAIFA. — The Fish Breeders Union has ordered its members not to send carp to market this weekend. The step was taken in order to assure carp supplies for the Passover holiday. The union spokesman said that an estimated 200 to 300 tons would be available for the holiday, enough for free sales in the large towns and some in the rest of Israel.

The spokesman said during the season now ending, 7,000 tons of carp have been marketed, a rise of more than 10 per cent over the previous season.

T.A. Noise Makers May be Fined

TEL AVIV. — The Municipal Councillor, Mr. M. Goldstein, who is head of the Public Council for Noise Prevention here, on Thursday proposed to the Mayor that Municipal inspectors be given the right to impose fines on the spot to noise makers. He claimed the inspectors could reduce noise in the city.

The Council is to step up its fight against excessive noise, said Mr. Goldstein, pointing out the harm to health caused by excessive noise, particularly during night hours.

TOKYO. — Tokyo's population climbed to 8,881,499 as of January 1, 1959, an increase of 286,398 during the past year. Men outnumbered women 4,588,967 to 4,292,532.

Citrus Exports Run Ahead of Last Year

TEL AVIV. — Over half-a-million cases of citrus were despatched abroad during the week ending February 7, the Citrus Marketing Board reported on Tuesday. The 530,270 cases exported bring the total since the beginning of the present season to 3,862,538, as against 3,298,738 in the same period last year.

Maccabi Hoopsters Off to Bulgaria

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel basketball champions, Tel Aviv Maccabi, flew to Bulgaria on Friday to meet Akademik of Sofia in two matches of the European Cup next Monday and Thursday.

Tel Aviv Maccabi is taking 11 players including the Internationals, Schneour, Klein, Frisch, Hazan and Cohen-Mintz, and the trainer, Y. Rosin, and one escort. They play their first game in Sofia and the second in Plovdiv.

No Second Thoughts Allowed on Cross Walk

A pedestrian crossing is not a place where persons may wander at will, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday in dismissing an appeal by the Attorney-General.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohn, was appealing judgments handed down by the Magistrates and District Courts which absolved a Haifa bus driver, Mordechai Weller, of blame in hitting a woman pedestrian who had crossed past his vehicle, and had then returned as the bus went ahead. Mr. Cohn claimed that a driver must stop before a crossing and cannot restart his vehicle until pedestrians had mounted the opposite pavement.

In dismissing the appeal, the Supreme Court upheld the previous judgments that cars must stop only when there are pedestrians passing in front of them. It held the driver to be blameless in this case, for the way in front of him was clear when he entered the crossing.

The Court was composed of the Deputy President Justice Cheshin, and Justices Goitein and Sussman. *(Hitm.)*

Builders and Union Seek Deadlock End

TEL AVIV. — A joint committee of the Contractors and Builders Association and the Building Workers Union will seek a solution of the present deadlock on social welfare benefits increases, *The Jerusalem Post* learned here on Tuesday.

The employers last Sunday night rejected the union's demands but agreed to discuss the matter before submitting the issue to Government arbitration. The committee will meet within the next few days. The association executive decided to enforce a lockout throughout the industry if the union should strike in any one place of work.

The union demands include that the employers increase their 21 per cent contribution to the union fund by a further two per cent, the payment of retroactive severance pay and a work-clothes allowance to the union's 35,000 members. These demands will cost IL1.8m., it is reported.

Mineral Finds Reported in Sinai

Large deposits of minerals in Sinai have been located by digging with the heavy equipment recently arrived from the U.S.S.R., Cairo Radio reported Tuesday night.

The finds included phosphates at Abu Suneima, copper at Jebel Musa, and asbestos, sulphur and chrome in other sections.

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EDISON: The Men
STUDIO: La sorciere

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ALLENBY: Jacobowsky and the Colonel, 3.30, 7 and 9.30
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3.30, 6.45, 9
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Today's Postbags

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Mt. Cana'an	100	3	4	4
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Haifa Port	82	8	10	10
Natanya	85	8	13	12
Tel Aviv Port	88	9	13	13
Lydda Airport	86	8	11	13
Jerusalem	87	3	7	6
Beersheba	60	6	13	12
Sdom	61	9	20	19
Eilat	81	10	20	19

"A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. reported today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Yitzhak Raphael, M.K., from a five-week mission to New York on behalf of Mossad Harav Kook, (by El Al).

Mr. Ya'acov Grauman, Editor of "Haboker," from a two-month trip to Europe and the U.S., (by El Al).

Mr. P. Peli, editor of "Ayin Be'ayin" magazine, from a six-week trip to the U.S. on behalf of his publication, (by El Al).

Mr. Y. Barpal, General Manager of Shoham, from Paris, (by El Al).

Prof. Saul Weinberg, of the University of Missouri, an authority on pre-historic Greek archaeology, for a two-week visit as guest of the Government Antiquities Department.

DEPARTURES

The Minister of Health and Posts, Mr. I. Barzilai, to the U.S., on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, (by El Al).

Mr. A. Wauters, former member of the Belgian Parliament, after a short visit, (by El Al).

Mr. B. Blay, of the Foreign Ministry, to the U.S., (by El Al).

A CLUB for Arab women was opened on Saturday in Jish village in Upper Galilee by the Working Women's Organization. Courses will be given in Hebrew, Sewing and Housekeeping.

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THE BRITISH liner, Britannic, is due in Haifa Port for a two-day call with 450 tourists this afternoon.

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THE KIRYAT Shmona Local Council has decided to name a street for the late Knesset Speaker, Yosef Sprinzak. The Mapai Club in the town will also be named after him.

Shadmi Trial Over, Verdict on Mar. 4

TEL AVIV. — The military tribunal trying Aluf-Mishne Issachar Shadmi for the murder of 25 men of Kafr Kasim village on October 29, 1956 will deliver its verdict on March 4.

The tribunal, comprising A/M M. Kennet, A/M A. Doron and A/M Y. Peri, announced this on Friday after counsel for the defence, Mr. Ya'acov Salomon, concluded his summing up.

Mr. Salomon asked that Shadmi should not only be acquitted of the charges of murder and of exceeding his authority in instituting an illegal curfew, but should be completely cleared of any complicity in the Kafr Kasim massacre. He said that the testimony of Rav-Seren Shmuel Malinki, upon which the State had built its entire case, was of dubious authenticity.

Throughout, Mr. Salomon tried to cast doubts on Malinki's reliability, referring to him slightingly as the "Napoleon of the Border Police" and "General Malinki."

In conclusion, he recalled the evidence of Aluf Zvi Tsur that Shadmi had set up the curfew in keeping with his (Tsur's) orders and the testimony of Aluf Moshe Dayan that he would have acted as Shadmi had under similar circumstances.

In the 12 days of hearings, the State produced 12 witnesses and the defence 10.

'Ma'ariv' Says 'Misled' In Brothel Libel Case

HAIFA. — The "Ma'ariv" evening paper on Friday pleaded in its defence in a IL80,000 damages suit that it had been misled by "a usually reliable source" in its report of January 12 implicating the owners of a Rehov Herzl perfumery in the recent brothel case affair.

The statement was filed in the District Court by Mr. Z. Bruchstein, of Tel Aviv, on behalf of the Editor and Haifa correspondent of the paper and its publishers, Modi'in Ltd.

The suit was brought by Mr. and Mrs. Y. Engelstein, who claim they were forced to close their Rehov Herzl shop following publication of the report in "Ma'ariv."

The respondents pointed out that they had published an apology the following day, January 13. Moreover, they had not named the plaintiff nor given his address in the original item, which, they emphasized, was published in good faith.

Asking the court to quash the suit and award costs against the plaintiff, the paper's lawyer also argued that the publication had not harmed the plaintiff's name, for this "had been bad in any case."

HAREL LEAVES FOR USSR

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Mr. A. Harel, the new Israel Ambassador to the Soviet Union, left with his wife and son by El Al for Rome on Friday, en route to Moscow. *(Itim)*

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Histadrut C.C. Meets Today To Discuss Election Issue

The Jerusalem Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee will meet today to approve the agenda of the special session of the Histadrut Executive which is convening either Monday or Tuesday, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The Executive is being asked to discuss the date and manner of holding the elections to the Histadrut Convention. The minority parties — Ahdut Ha'avoda, Mapam and Ha'oved Hazioni — walked out of the 71st Histadrut Council last Wednesday in protest at the refusal of the majority to discuss suggestions to postpone election day until certain changes had been made in the election procedure.

Heads of the opposition factions told *The Post* on Friday that they would attend the meeting of the Executive and oppose the Mapai proposal to hold the poll on May 17. As Mapai has the majority in the Executive, the Opposition proposal to hold elections to the convention on the same day as the elections to the Knesset and local authorities is expected to be voted down.

Mapai regards the opposition's claim that their proposal will cut the expenses of the election campaign to a minimum, as the first shot in the election campaign. The Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, told the Council that "by holding the elections in November, specific Histadrut issues will be lost in the general political debate."

Mapai points out that when Mr. Lavon raised the question of the election date at last Sunday's Central Committee meeting, only Mr. Y. Sha'ari of Haoved Hazioni opposed the idea.

The leaders of the opposition groups met at the Histadrut Executive Building on Friday to work out a common stand for the Central Committee meeting and the special session of the Histadrut Executive. The co-ordinating committee of the opposition consists of Messrs. Y. Yudin and C. Nimri, of Mapam, Messrs. B. Repetur and Y. Woschina, of Ahdut Ha'avoda; and Messrs. Y. Sha'ari and H. Zeidel, of Ha'oved Hazioni. It is to meet again today after the Central Committee meeting.

Both Mapam and Ha'oved Hazioni support the Ahdut Ha'avoda suggestions which, Mr. Yudin told *The Post*, are:

- Members to vote in polling booths near their homes.
- Identity cards to be shown together with Histadrut membership cards at the booths.
- No booths to be set up in places of work.
- Election day to be held together with that to the Knesset and local authorities;
- Representatives of the opposition parties to be included in control commissions checking the voters' lists.

Bar-Yehuda, Levanon Meet on T.A. Problems

The Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, and his Director-General, Mr. Y. Shvo, met with Mayor Haim Levanon of Tel Aviv on Friday, it has been officially announced. Senior officials of the Ministry and of the Municipality also took part in the meeting which discussed various questions such as the floating of municipal bond issues, water, trans-Yarkon development plans and the Tel Aviv Jubilee Exposition.

Govrin: Arabs Should Advance in Civil Service

NAZARETH. — All Government offices in Galilee must be moved to Nazareth to give the local Arab population opportunities of advancement. Such a step would create employment for over 100 of the Arab intellegentsia in this town, Mr. Akiva Govrin, the Mapai Knesset whip and Chairman of the Labour Committee, said on Saturday in a speech at the Empire Cinema on the new Labour Organization Law.

In the audience of some 400 was Mayor Jarjoura.

Mr. Govrin said that he was not satisfied with the progress of the Arab community in finding responsible jobs in government, although some 300 Arabs joined the Civil Service during 1958.

Repeating some of the statements he made in the same place a year ago, he called for greater Arab initiative in building up industries. He pointed out that in the past year the Government had allocated IL400,000 for the development of Arab industries and workshops.

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Mayor Agron Addresses U.S. State Legislature

BOSTON (INA). — The visit of Mayor Gershon Agron of Jerusalem to Boston on behalf of the Histadrut Campaign was marked by his address to both Houses of the State Legislature when he received a standing ovation.

Mr. Agron declared that although Israel's Arab neighbours had proclaimed themselves her implacable enemies, the walls that had been reared against Israel would crumble. "In the meantime," he continued, "Israel spearheads the advance in the Middle East, of the same democracy which the Boston architects of the American Revolution achieved in 1776."

Mayor Agron was also the guest of honour of Mayor John Hynes at a breakfast attended by over 70 guests during the worst snowstorm of the year. He was also honoured by a reception given by Governor Foster Furculo at the State House.

In Baltimore, on the previous day, Mayor Agron was honoured when the Israel flag was flown from City Hall. He was met by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro at the railway station and was later introduced at a Histadrut Campaign meeting by Governor McKeldin.

Pioneering Now More Difficult, B-G Tells Negev Settlers

By PHILIP GILLON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ SA'AD. — Pioneering now is in some ways harder than for the men and women of the second and third *aliyot*, although these early settlers faced greater physical hardships than the pioneers today, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared before representatives of Negev kibbutzim and moshavim at a conference held here on Thursday night.

In a speech reminiscent in tone of Churchill's great offer of nothing but "toil, tears, sweat and blood," the Prime Minister set out to analyse the broad spiritual and philosophical bases of pioneering in the Negev and its role in modern Israel, rather than to deal with specific complaints of settlers.

He recalled that of the 32 who came to this country with him on a ship that took two weeks to arrive from the Black Sea, only two had remained in Israel. The pioneers of the second and third *aliyot* had elected to throw away their books and to persist in a life of physical labour.

Statehood, however, had changed everything. Static defence was not enough — the nation had to have an Army, an Air Force and paratroopers. Books had to be picked up again and young people sent to the Army, the Technion, the University and the Weizmann Institute, he said.

Mr. Ben-Gurion admonished one speaker who had suggested that it was wrong to require young people from border settlements to enter the Air Force and Army. The strength of our security forces, he said, depends on the spirit and quality of our manpower. Only a small percentage of applicants who want to become pilots pass the physical and psychological tests. If the successful candidates come from Negev settlements, the Air Force will not turn them down.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the achievement of the early idealists who settled here was to create conditions which made it possible for Israel to accept a million people who came without Zionist idealism or spiritual conviction. "We have to take them with all their qualities and must try to change them," he declared.

The kibbutzim and moshavim had to receive the new immigrants, he said. Since thousands of them would not chose the Negev and could not be forced in a democratic State to do so, it was the duty of the pioneer to make the Negev attractive to them.

"Even when we have taken into account all the other work in the State, the Negev is still the hardest challenge, and also the most rewarding for the country," he concluded.

"That is why I object to the term "Negev" being applied so loosely. As far as I am concerned Sde Boker and Revivim are only in the Northern Negev," he said.

The Premier delighted his audience by pausing in the middle of his address to take off his jacket, waistcoat and tie. As he wound up his speech at about 10 p.m., rain began to fall.

'Copter Rescues Girl in Negev

By Y. YA'ACOBI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — A pretty girl of 17, Ahuva Yitzhakov, of Kibbutz Hagoshrim in Galilee, was brought to Kaplan Hospital here on Thursday night by helicopter after she lost consciousness as a result of a still unexplained attack of severe pains in her hips.

She had been in a group of 40 youngsters from Hagoshrim and Ginossar who were hiking in the central Negev. When they reached the Great crater at noon on Thursday, the group began the steep ascent, near Mitzpeh Ramon, to a hill known as "Ein Sik."

Ahuva said that while climbing, she suddenly experienced very severe pains and lost consciousness. All efforts to revive her failed and she had to be carried to the top of the crater.

An advance party set out to get to Beersheba. Since the area is inaccessible to vehicles, a helicopter was alerted and it touched down near the group at dusk.

"I cannot remember very much," Ahuva, who was smiling and munching an apple, told *The Jerusalem Post* at the Hospital on Saturday.

"I only recall the pain and that I suddenly felt very cold. Then the noise of the helicopter and of course, the hospital."

Her family learned of the accident from the Kol Yisrael newscast on Friday which reported that the girl had suffered injuries after slipping into a crevice.

Military History Course at Bar-Ilan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If called on to fight again, we shall not be able to fight in the same manner as in the past, the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, said at the Tel Aviv University on Friday.

He was addressing a gathering of professors, senior Army officers and students at a ceremony marking the introduction of military history into the curriculum of the Faculty of History and Judaism at the University.

The Prime Minister said he did not consider history a science as it concerned events that were never repeated under the same circumstances. Nevertheless, he said, he welcomed the introduction of military history into the University curriculum, even though the study of past wars will not be a sufficient guide in the case of future conflicts.

The Israel Defence Forces have marked up great victories in their short history, though if they prepare for the future with the same means as were at their disposal in the past, they were in danger of defeat, he declared. "Our enemies can take a beating and recover, we cannot," Mr. Ben-Gurion emphasized.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov, said he hoped that books on military history would now be translated into Hebrew. They are now almost entirely in foreign languages, he pointed out. He said it was important that the human side of warfare be studied closely.

The Director General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Shimon Peres, promised his Ministry's help in the University's efforts to make military problems a subject of study at University level.

Mayor Haim Levanon brought the greetings of the Municipality to the gathering.

The Rector of the University, Professor I. Efrat, announced that military history courses will begin next Tuesday and will meet four hours a week. The lectures will be given by Dr. Israel Baer.

In his first lecture, he pointed out that war in our time requires the united efforts of the whole nation and the full exploitation of science and technology.

Journalists Ass'n Says Farewell to Lawson

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "I shall remain a friend of Israel wherever I go," Mr. Edward B. Lawson, the U.S. Ambassador, said at a farewell luncheon given by the Israel Journalists Association at Beit Sokolow here on Friday.

The Ambassador said that he was full of anxiety when he made his first contact with Israel journalists four years ago, but now he left them with regret. He added his thanks for their objective reporting, and said in the most difficult situations the Israel press had maintained high standards.

Mr. Arye Dissentchik, editor of "Ma'ariv," declared that everyone had hoped that Mr. Lawson would have spent his last two years in the Foreign Service in Israel and regretted the circumstances which prevented this. "We have lost a fine ambassador to Israel," Mr. Dissentchik said, "but we have gained an ambassador of goodwill for Israel wherever Mr. Lawson goes."

Mr. Uri Kessary proposed the outgoing Ambassador's health.

On Friday the American Ambassador and Mrs. Lawson were entertained to a farewell tea by Mrs. Chaim Weizmann at her home in Rehovot.

'Netzer' Tightens Hold in Tel Aviv

By ARI RATH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Netzer faction strengthened its control over the Tel Aviv Mapai District when the Mapai Inner Secretariat on Saturday agreed to dismiss Mr. Hayim Rokeah as head of the Organization Department in the District Secretariat.

Mr. Ben-Gurion participated in a meeting held mainly at his request in an attempt to prevent Mr. Rokeah's dismissal until the Inner Secretariat heard both sides of the story. Mr. Ben-Gurion spoke with Mr. Rokeah and members of the Netzer group before the meeting.

The Secretary of the Mapai Tel Aviv District, Mr. Yonah Kesse M.K., is understood to claim that Mr. Rokeah did not co-operate sufficiently with the other members of the District Secretariat.

Mr. Rokeah claims that he is not a member of any party group, although his dismissal has been opposed by the party's young faction. The Prime Minister and the Party Secretary-General, Dr. Giora Josephthal, are understood to have supported Mr. Rokeah.

SHIMON SHITRIT, the winner of the "Junior Bible Quiz", has been given a free ticket for use on all lines of the Egged Bus Cooperative.

Newcomers Going To Coastal Plain

TEL AVIV. — About 40 per cent of the new immigrants are to be directed to the coastal plain, Mr. A. Ziegel, Director of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department, said here in an address before the Yahdav Club on Friday night.

He said the authorities had decided to open the coastal plain again to immigrants in order to ease "the serious job situation."

Fifty per cent of the newcomers would be directed to development areas and the remaining 10 per cent to agricultural settlement.

The speaker said that the present influx was bringing excellent human material from every point of view. Some 50 per cent of the immigrants were under 40 years of age; 22 per cent — from 40 to 50; and 10 per cent — 60 and above. About five per cent were farmers.

I.P.O.: Intervention in Import Of Artists a New Departure

TEL AVIV. — Government intervention in the realm of the arts, except for the Ministry of Education and Culture ban on music by Strauss, has never been the practice, Mr. Uri Toeplitz, of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra management, said on Friday night.

He was one of the speakers in a public debate held at the Milo Club on the recent decision by the Special Committee on the Import of Foreign Artists not to allocate additional funds to the I.P.O. for the import of foreign opera ensembles. The decision was taken in order to protect the interests of the Israel National Opera, which had protested the appearance of a foreign troupe in the I.P.O.'s presentation of Verdi's "Falstaff."

Mr. Toeplitz said that the presentation of operas by the I.P.O. was necessary to vary its programme, and that although such performances were not a matter of policy, and the Orchestra had no intention of going into the opera field, it was quite likely that it would stage operas again in the future.

Mr. S. Bor, also of the I.P.O. management, was much more outspoken in his criticism, and declared that the "I.P.O. and the Opera should not even be mentioned in the same breath, just as there is no possible comparison between the Sharon Hotel and a Tnuva restaurant." He declared that the Opera was not so much endangered by the I.P.O's presentation of "Falstaff" as by its own director, Mme. Edis de Philippe, who in his opinion was entirely unqualified to manage an opera company.

Mme. de Philippe, who also took part in the debate, charged that the I.P.O. had broken a promise, made after its presentation of "Tosca" last year, not to stage any more operas.

Turning to aspersions on the Opera's artistic level, Mme. de Philippe said that she questioned the musical ability of many I.P.O. members, a number of whom "held on to their jobs only through seniority." She added that it was unreasonable to expect the Opera to measure up to La Scala's standard after only one year. She ended by stating that if the I.P.O. was truly concerned for the high quality of local performances, it should have proposed to the Opera to stage "Falstaff" with the participation of several I.P.O. musicians. *(Itim)*

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Pasternak Writing New Novel

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Boris Pasternak, the Nobel Prize winning author of "Doctor Zhivago," said yesterday that he was working on a new book "about human conditions at the present time" — a present which "I accept, extol and must write about."

He told callers at his home outside Moscow that he now wished only to be left alone to write.

He wondered what he should do about people who presented themselves on the doorstep. "I have to talk to people when they call on me. Maybe it's wrong of me to receive so many people, but I cannot sit here silently. What am I to do?"

Mr. Pasternak added that most of his time was now spent answering letters received from all parts of the world.

Father of Four Stabbed to Death

TEL AVIV. — Two women and a man have been detained in connection with the brutal stabbing early Friday morning of Hassan Abu-Riash, a 46-year-old father of four children, in his flat in Jaffa.

The police spokesman said on Saturday night that the detained man is suspected of having committed the murder.

Police rushed to the flat at 3:30 a.m. on Friday after an unidentified person telephoned that a man who was seriously wounded or dead could be found at 13 Rehov 111 in Jaffa. They found Abu-Riash dead with deep cuts on his face and body.

The *Itim* correspondent learns that among those being held is the victim's wife, Aziza, 25, as well as her cousin and her cousin's wife. Aziza is soon due to give birth.

Dozens of police fanned out around the house on Saturday in an intensive search for the murder weapon. In one of the courtyards in the neighbourhood a package was found containing a sharp kitchen knife wrapped in two pairs of blood-stained trousers.

An examination of the victim's body showed he had been stabbed seven times.

Neighbours say that the victim had recently quarrelled with his wife's cousin.

The parents of both the victim and his wife are members of a Negev Beduin tribe. *(Itim)*

Acquittal Asked For Grocery Murder Suspect

TEL AVIV. — Counsel for the defence in the trial of storekeeper Sigmund Green, for the murder of Moshe Pfennig last May, summed up his case on Friday with a plea for acquittal for his client because the evidence presented by the prosecution was only circumstantial.

The counsel, Mr. Y. Aderet, claimed that the knife which the police said was the murder weapon, could not possibly have been used in the murder as neither it nor the floor in Green's grocery store showed any traces of blood. It was impossible, he declared, for Pfennig to have been stabbed in the store, as the police claimed, without leaving any blood stains. As to the signs of blood found on a counter in the store, he claimed that police had not proved that it was human blood, and in any case had not shown conclusively that it was Pfennig's blood.

Green is accused of stabbing Pfennig in the nape of the neck following an argument between the two in Green's store over his sale of eggs and buns at cut rate prices. Eye-witnesses had claimed that they saw Pfennig stagger out of the store and collapse on the pavement outside. The verdict will be handed down by the District Court on March 9. *(Itim)*

7 Lebanese Women Detained in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Nine Lebanese women were detained inside Israel near Kibbutz Manara early Saturday morning. They claimed that they were cutting grass and had not noticed that they had crossed the border. They were held for questioning.

Weather Affects Week-End Sport—Four Games Off

Jerusalem Post Staff

The weather and ground conditions interfered with Saturday's sports programme, causing the postponement of one National League and two League A games and the abandonment of one National League match.

National League leaders, Haifa Maccabi, gained two more points in beating low-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi, 1-0, before 2,000 hardy fans in the Haifa City Stadium to stay top of the table.

The winning goal came from centre-forward Amar, from a pass from Menczel in the 70th minute. The home side were in control most of the time, but the slippery, muddy pitch made them miss many scoring chances.

Petah Tikva Maccabi played with determination and missed a great chance of notching a surprise in the 56th minute when a shot from only one metre out went wide.

Petah Tikva Hapoel, as expected, slammed table-footers Kfar Saba Hapoel, 6-0, after leading 2-0 halfway, completely outclassing their visitors. Rasabi opened the scoring in the 28th minute, Misrahi got two in the 32nd and 60th, and international Steimach booted one in on the 59th minute. To add to Kfar Saba's woes, one of their defenders put into their own net in the 68th minute for No. 6.

Jerusalem Hapoel Draw

Ground conditions prevented a high standard of play at Givatayim, where hosts Ramat Gan Hapoel took the lead through a goal from Fadia'el in the 37th minute against Jerusalem Hapoel. The visitors fought back well and equalised in the 58th minute through Ben Moshe, for a final 1-1 score.

At Natanya, Jaffa Maccabi coped better with the playing conditions than hosts Natanya Maccabi, particularly in the second half. But neither side could get the ball into the net, and had to be satisfied with a 0-0 result.

Two games were scheduled on the Jaffa Bassa ground, but were both rained out. The "derby" between Tel Aviv's Maccabi and Beitar sides started and went on for 28 minutes, with no score, when the referee stopped the game. The other fixture, between Tel Aviv Hapoel and Haifa Hapoel, was postponed.

In League A, Kiryat Haim Hapoel moved into a three point lead at the head of the table in front of Rehovot Hapoel, who lost a humdinger of a game against Mahane Yehuda Hapoel by the odd goal in seven. Tel Aviv Shimshon shocked Hadera Hapoel on their own ground to move into third spot, one place ahead of Mahane Yehuda, on a better goal average.

Haifa Hapoel gained their expected victory over Haifa Maccabi in the Basketball League by 66-46 points and moved to the top of the League table. Jerusalem Hapoel waltzed through to a 71-50 win over Ashdot Ya'acov Hapoel, after leading 40-19 halfway. Jerusalem could have won by a bigger margin, but the local coach used the opportunity to play reserve men in the second period.

STANDINGS:

	GA	Pts.
Haifa Maccabi	25:10	19
Petah T. Hap.	20:11	17
Haifa Hap.	25:12	16
T.A. Mac.	13: 6	14
Ramat Gan Hap.	18:16	13
Jerusalem Hap.	11:12	12
Natanya Mac.	13:16	12
Jaffa Mac.	11:20	11
Tel Aviv Hap.	14:13	10
Tel Aviv Betar	9:15	7
Petah Tikva Mac.	10:21	7
Kfar Saba Hap.	11:32	2

League A: Hadera Hap. 9, T.A. Shimshon 1; Kiryat Haim Hap. 1, Afula Hap. 0; Rehovot Mac. 1, Hadera Mac. 1; M. Yehuda Hap. 4, Rehovot Hap. 3.

STANDINGS:

K. Haim Hap.	32: 8	17
Rehovot Hap.	19:17	14
T.A. Shimshon	19:11	14
M. Yehuda Hap.	17:09	14
Bnei Yehuda	21:11	13
Hadera Hap.	25:15	13
T.A. Hakoah	15:20	13
Hadera Mac.	17:18	11
Rehovot Mac.	15:21	10
Sha'arayim Mac.	20:29	9
J'lem Betar	19:28	7
Afula Hapoel	5:23	6

BASKETBALL: Haifa Hap. 66, Hatf. Mac. 46; J'lem Hap. 71, Ashdot Ya'acov Hap. 39; Hinkmar Ha'emek Hap. 68, Kiryat Motzkin Mac. 28.

BOXING: The main bout in the middle-weight watches held in Tel Aviv on Saturday provided the best fight seen in Israel for some time, when Haim Shu'af, of T.A. Maccabi, beat Yisrael Makler, of T.A. Hapoel. Y. Greenberg, of Ramat Gan Maccabi, disappointed his fans in a fight against Levi Bora, of T.A. Hapoel, when the match was declared a draw.

Oved Gains Great Win in Melbourne

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — David Oved, the Israel lightweight boxer, beat the Australian champion, Max Carlos, decisively here Friday night, when the referee stopped the fight in Oved's favour at the end of the 11th round.

Carlos, who had been knocked down earlier on, was sent crashing for a count of eight in the 11th round and was staggering round the ring when the round ended. He had to be helped to his seat. The referee examined him and then halted the fight.

Members of Melbourne's Jewish community, who watched the fight, rushed to the ringside at the end as Oved staged a victory dance.

TIVON BOY DIED OF NEPHRITIS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The autopsy performed by the Senior Government Pathologist, Dr. Baruch Gelly, on Ze'ev Rosenberg, 4, of Kiryat Tivon, who died a fortnight ago, revealed that the boy died of acute nephritis (inflammation of the kidney), which resulted from the rheumatic fever from which he had suffered.

The autopsy was asked for by the District Health officer at the request of the Medical Association and Kupat Holim, to dispel an impression that the child had died as a result of the failure of the Kupat Holim duty physician to attend to him in time.

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Cables in Brief

SENTIMENT. — King Mohammed of Morocco is planning a "sentimental journey" later this month, following the route of his exile to Corsica and Madagascar after being deposed by the French Government in 1953.

BIRTH CONTROL. — Prime Minister Nehru told an international conference on planned parenthood in New Delhi on Saturday there can be no effective population control without a solid economic, educational and social foundation.

STRIKE. — Several thousand students at technical colleges attached to Madrid University went on strike on Friday because of a dispute with the Government over technical training facilities.

Salonika Jew Tells How Nazi Burned His Children

ATHENS (Reuter). — A Salonika Jew, Isaac Arouh, who survived death at the Auschwitz concentration camp, described how he could read a newspaper "in the light of fires burning at the camp crematorium with the flesh of my children."

He said 22 of his relatives, including his wife and three children, died at the crematorium.

His testimony was the most sensational given on the third day of the trial of the German, Maximillian Merten, who is being tried before a Greek military court on war crimes charges which include the mass deportation to Polish death camps of 46,000 Greek Jews from Salonika.

Arouh added, "It was Merten who conceived the idea of exterminating the Jews of Salonika." The witness also testified that Merten obtained money from the Jewish community for the release of Jews from forced labour.

The trial continues.

("Greeks Grabbed" — Page 4)

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TO the reader who is not familiar with the subject, the Histadrut Council's decision on Thursday night to accept Arab and other non-Jewish workers as full members of the Labour Federation will probably need some explaining, since the decision would seem to have been so long overdue. The operative word, of course, is "full;" Arab and other non-Jewish workers had, until now, been admitted as members of individual trade unions within the Federation, and Thursday's decision will allow these workers to become full-fledged members, enjoying equal rights and having the same duties as their Jewish colleagues.

THE ARAB WORKER

That the Labour Federation should have taken ten full years after the formation of the State to decide to admit the Arab worker into the organization is understandable when the fact is viewed against its historical background. Before the establishment of Israel, the Histadrut saw itself chiefly as a Zionist body whose task was to help build the National Home. This, obviously, was a task for Jews and Zionists. There was no racialism in this approach but recognition that the Arabs were, in the nature of things, hostile to the Zionist hopes. Thursday's decision is a sign of the times in that it discards the pre-State sentiment that the Histadrut was not a trade union primarily devoted to the immediate interests of its members but also — and even chiefly — a Zionist instrument intent on developing the country through creating work.

From the discussions which preceded Thursday's decision it would seem that there was a minority which held that the Arab workers were likely to remain a foreign element inside the Federation — at best a non-Zionist body within the Histadrut. This could not be farther from the truth. Enrolled in the predominantly Jewish organization and enjoying all the rights to which other members are entitled, the Arab worker — unless he is a Communist — accepts the fact that he is an integral part of the State of Israel, of the Jewish State in being.

For the Histadrut the subject of Communism is neither new nor in any way tied up with the question of non-Jewish members, though the admission of the Arabs may increase the percentage of Communist votes at the next election, in a few years' time. If there is any kind of danger in this particular direction to the present character of the Federation, this comes from the Jewish Communist group within the organization rather than from the Arab members.

But while it is a sign of political maturity and indicative of the realization that, after the proclamation and consolidation of the State, the Histadrut is to be primarily a trade union organization, the Federation Council's decision on Thursday will mean a great deal for the Arab workers, their work conditions and their standard of living. With his admission as full member of the Federation, the Arab worker will have reached the culmination of a process started many years ago, a process of trying to catch up with the standards and the working conditions enjoyed by his Jewish comrade. He will have an opportunity of making his wishes known and felt, and he will realize increasingly that he must adjust himself to Western organizational methods and abandon the traditional family-clan associations which continue to hamper normal political development in the Arab countries.

The Israel Arab worker's attainment of the status of an organized worker is something for every Israeli to take pride in. It has been brought about only through the creation and consolidation of the Jewish State, and gives the Arab worker the opportunity of integrating himself completely into the community.

TOXIN COULD DESTROY WORLD

ONE NIGHT OF GERM WAR...

From A Special Correspondent

TORONTO (OFNS). — ANY country which can afford one good biologist can render any other country incapable of war in a single night. No army or heavy industry would be needed. A dedicated group of civilians could do the work.

Dr Brock Chisholm, former Director-General of the World Health Organization, believes this is the situation facing statesmen today as a result of the research into germ warfare carried out since the end of the war. Together with Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the inventor of radar, Dr. Chisholm was interviewed in Sir Robert's comfortable home in a Toronto suburb, where they met to discuss the dangers facing civilization.

They greeted last week's revelation that British scientists were producing botulinus toxin and experimenting with 40 other deadly germs as the first real break in the "conspiracy of silence" surrounding experiments in bacteriological warfare. Botulinus is so deadly that 250 grams of it properly distributed could kill everyone in the world.

Britain, the United States and Canada experimented with bacteriological weapons during the war, but they have not talked to one another about it since, Dr. Chisholm said. "But now the question arises," he went on, "about the reaction of the U.S. to the fact that Britain has developed a good weapon in that direction."

The U.S. will have to admit it has something as good. The President could not face Congress unless he could assure it that the U.S. was not lagging behind Britain in this field as it lagged behind Russia in missiles. Then what will the Russians say?

Dr. Chisholm said it was now even possible for a nation which does not possess biological or bacteriological weapons to negotiate in world councils as though it did. "It would be practically impossible to prove it did not," he said. (He explained there is a legalistic difference between bacteriological and biological warfare. The first involves the use of live germs and is forbidden by the Geneva Convention. The second involves the use of toxins derived from the germs, and is permissible).

Germ warfare research was started by the Nazis in 1936. Information which may have been gained from German scientists after the war has been kept top secret. "But I know theoretically all the horrible diseases that have afflicted man down through the ages are available to the aggressor in a bacteriological war," Dr. Chisholm said.

"And there is always the possibility of increasing the virulence of the strains. Botulinus toxin is one of the most effective because it will kill anyone who breathes it or touches it within six hours. It oxidizes within 12 hours, leaving the area clean for occupation.

"If anyone is still not convinced that war and suicide are synonymous, this should convince them."

FRIDAY'S PRESS

Fair Election Called For

THE word battle round the rift at the Histadrut Council continues to rage and Davar (Histadrut) charges that the "secessionists" have distorted the meaning of the wording in the elections constitution amendments. It trusts this was done by mistake and that the factions will recognize their error. The unfortunate incident should be quickly forgotten, for what Labour and the State need today is a united and consolidated Federation enjoying public confidence. Though internal differences of opinion may exist, the integrity and democratic authority of the Histadrut must be preserved.

Repetur Denies

In Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) Beri Repetur denies that the minority parties have been circulating "suspicions and exaggerations," adding that what they ask is adjustment of the constitution to the changed membership of the Histadrut. The fact that three dissenting factions which do not see eye to eye on all political questions are united in this demand, proves that those who habitually scorn the rights of others should not be surprised if the injured parties rise against them.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) is not surprised that Mapai will not tolerate suggestions to alter a system that has proved to be its source of strength, and that to perpetuate its rule on the national plane. It is even ready to join hands with the General Zionists to abolish proportional elections to the Knesset. The minority parties will continue to fight for "clean" elections.

—Why Don't You Finish Your Lunch?

By arrangement with "Ha'aretz"

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that the general public cares little how the issue is resolved by the Council or by the Executive plenum but is vitally interested in seeing that the elections are fair and clean. Tactical sagacity should advise Mapai against leaving the impression that it is less interested in fair elections than the other parties.

Hamodia (World Aguda) also writes that while Intra-Histadrut conflicts do not interest them, we cannot afford to ignore the significance of the reasons that led to the rift, in view of Mapai's continued efforts to achieve domination through constituency elections.

Herut avers that it is time the U.S. altered its unsympathetic stand on recognizing Jerusalem as our Capital and hopes that Mr. Ogden Reid, who is taking over from Mr. Lawson, will be instructed to set up his official quarters in this city.

HEARD ABROAD

I don't want to go to the moon or the sun. I want to see peace on this planet. — Mr. R. A. Butler

One wonders when we shall keep religion in the same mental compartment as common sense. — Dr. Leslie Weatherhead

Clubs, concentration camps and terror are really inefficient methods of subjection today. It is much better to get people to love their servitude, rather than bully them into it. — Mr. Aldous Huxley

Greeks Grabbed Nazi Who Returned to Scene of Crimes

By LESLIE FINER

ATHENS (OFNS).— THE Jewish population of Greece before World War II was about 77,000. Today it is little over 10,000. Some of the scores of thousands who vanished escaped to other countries during the German occupation, but most of them died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, and other German concentration camps.

The man accused of being largely responsible for this mass slaughter of Greek Jews is Max Merten, whose trial began last week before a special Military War Crimes Tribunal in Athens. The crimes of which he is accused occurred more than 15 years ago, and some influential people, particularly in Germany, have argued that the "revulsion" of Nuremberg ought not at this late stage to be revived. The Greek Government, in spite of Greece's vast current economic cooperation with Germany, have stood their ground and they are warmly supported by public opinion. A Bill recently introduced into the Greek Parliament will resign Greece's claim to jurisdiction over German war criminals in the future, but Max Merten, the former Salonika Commandant, must answer to Greek justice.

Scores of journalists from all over the world are following the trial, which is expected to last for several weeks. The charge sheet is 65 closely-typed pages. Some 80 prosecution witnesses, including most of the few surviving Salonika Jews, will give evidence, to be followed by the evidence of an almost equal number of defence witnesses. It has taken the Athens Juge d'Instruction nearly two years to prepare his case, while Merten, with hopes of his extradition fading daily, has waited in the city's Averoff gaol.

Apart from the question of Merten's guilt or innocence, the trial is expected to clear up the most puzzling aspect of the whole affair: why after 13 years of secure oblivion in Germany, did Max Merten decide to take the extraordinary risk of returning to the scene of the crime in April 1957?

Merten, now in the guise of a lawyer practising in Germany, presented himself during that month at the Athens War Crimes Bureau asking for certain information. He was arrested next day at his hotel, and he has been in gaol ever since.

One explanation is that Merten came back to Greece on behalf of a client — Herr Artur Meissner, a German-born former inhabitant of Salonika, with family and business connections there, who had collaborated with Merten during the Occupation and later escaped to Germany. It is said that Meissner wanted to discover whether the road was clear for his return to resume his business activities.

Another theory, however, is that Merten used his representation of Meissner as a cover, and this and his real mission was to recover a vast store of treasure which he had hidden away at the time of his escape in 1944.

The charge sheet, indeed, says that when Merten took off from Sedes Airfield he carried with him nine suitcases filled with booty, but it also says that he had acquired by blackmail, torture, theft and bribes the best part of the Jewish property in Salonika, estimated at 1,500,000 gold sovereigns.

The charges of self-enrichment are embedded in a story which is otherwise all blood and brutality; accusations of mass beatings, extortions, establishment of the Salonika Ghetto, and the indiscriminate despatch of men, women and children to the German gas chambers in sealed cattle trucks, resulting in the near-extermination of a whole population in one small area of Greece.

Among witnesses for the prosecution will be several surviving Salonika Jews who were themselves victims of Nazi brutality when, on two separate occasions in July 1942 — on the pretext of registration — all Salonika Jews (except those of Italian or Spanish origin) were paraded bareheaded under the grilling sun, and for many hours were compelled to perform various physical jerks under the batons and whips of S.S. troops until they dropped to the flagstones of Salonika's Eleftheria (Freedom) Square.

Other witnesses will tell of the arrest and execution of innocent hostages (680 according to the charge sheet); of bargaining conducted by Merten with the leaders of the Jewish Community, including Chief Rabbi Koretz, for 25,000 gold sovereigns as a bribe to stop the persecution; of the desecration of the Jewish cemetery where Jews were believed to have hidden their valuables; of the despatch between March 15 and May 9, 1943, of 42,500 Jews on a ten-day journey in sealed trucks (70 or more per truck) to concentration camps and eventual death in German gas chambers.

There is no observable appetite in Greece for raking up the lugubrious ashes of the past, nor any outward sign of bitterness in the present cordial relations between Greece and Germany. But Merten, now 45 years of age, inexplicably provided the occasion himself. The ordinary Greek feels that Greece owes herself a last opportunity to remind the world of her wartime suffering for freedom. The Government feels that whatever the arguments from expediency or inertia might be, no self-respecting country could have failed to submit to the processes of its own justice a man accused of so many and such monstrous crimes.

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Capital Needs School Dental Service

Readers' Letters

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest and envy the letter from Y. Yasour, Public Relations Officer of the Haifa Municipality, stating that the dental care and treatment provided by them for Haifa's 25,000 school children "continues as usual." I wish we could say something to that effect of the 27,000 schoolchildren in the capital.

The sad fact is, that Jerusalem is the only one of the larger and established municipalities in the whole country which does not provide for dental care and treatment of its junior-school population.

It is true that the Hadassah clinics mentioned in Mr. Lucien Harris' letter, which in addition to the School of Dentistry in the Straus Health Centre, include their local stations in Kiryat Hayovel, Baka'a, Beit Israel and Katamon, do treat not only adults but also children in those districts, and for this as well as for its other outstanding humanitarian services, that great institution deserves our deepest gratitude and appreciation. But that dental care is of necessity restricted to those fortunate children who happen to live in the vicinity of one of those Hadassah clinics.

I know that persistent efforts have been made over several years by the Jerusalem Central Parents' Association to secure the necessary remedy of this most deplorable state of affairs, but, I am afraid, without any results whatsoever. Some two years ago we reached the stage where the Municipality's Education Department actually issued instructions to all elementary schools to collect IL2.— from the parents of each child attending school, for the explicit purpose of providing dental care and treatment during the school year. The Central Parents' Committee recommended and supported that action. Many parents paid the requested amount at their respective schools; the schools, as I know, transferred the collected payments to the Municipal Department — and that was the end of the story. The Municipality never provided the service for which the parents had actually paid, and everything remained just as it was. Yours, etc.

DR. I. WEINSTOCK

Jerusalem, January 14.

Municipality Replies

Because of the special history of Jerusalem, some of its services, amongst them in the field of health, were based on voluntary organizations. Hygienic inspection over Jerusalem's schoolchildren has thus for many years been in the hands of the Hadassah Organization, as was their dental care. At the beginning of 1957, Hadassah asked to be relieved of the latter but finally agreed to continue this arrangement as well as to institute changes to ensure greater conveniences in providing this service for pupils in all parts of the country, on the municipality's promise (but not obligation) that it would make the maximum effort to collect an annual payment of IL2 per child from the parents, through the headmasters of the schools.

Although special notices were sent to the parents explaining the importance of this project, and urgent appeals made to the headmasters by the Headmasters' Central Committee and the Jerusalem District Inspector, for them to exert themselves in this effort, the anticipated sum was not collected, but only 10 per cent of it. This was of course transferred to Hadassah; as a result of this, Hadassah reduced its services — without the municipality's agreement.

Out of a desire to ensure complete services, a proposal to impose an "education loan" on parents, to cover the expenses of this and other services was drawn up — similar to the special education loans which are collected in all those cities which give these services to schoolchildren. But this proposal met with a strong lack of sympathy in various circles, mostly amongst the representatives of the parents who had also not succeeded in ensuring the minimal yearly contribution of IL2 per child. It is difficult, therefore, to understand how a complaint can now come from the parents themselves.

The question of the imposition of such a loan and the extension of such services will be considered again for the coming school year.

Yours, etc.

P. J. JACOBI

Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, January 28.

OPERA PROTECTION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your leader writer has given us the best example of bending over backwards we have seen in many a day (your issue of Feb. 13).

There can be no compromise with "art commissars." The inter-ministerial committee's avowed aim is protection of local even if inferior production. Foreign currency and stranded third-rate troupes have nothing to do with this point. Such matters can be adequately supervised by the Treasury. We don't like being told by a committee that if I want to see opera I must content myself with what is offered in Tel Aviv — without alternative, and without an opportunity to make a comparison.

Yours, etc.

R. M.

(Name and Address Supplied)

February 13.

MUSICAL DIARY

Radio Concert

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Georg Singer, conductor; Ronit Amir, piano (Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem, February 10). Dittersdorf: Symphony in C; Roger Vustaz: "Moses" — Epopée Antique, op. 29 (First Performance in Israel); Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 in D-minor, op. 15.

DITTERSDORF (1739-1799), who wrote 15 operas and as many *Singspiele*, numerous symphonies, string quartets, concertos and other works, is quite unjustifiably neglected. Though never profound, his works are alive with humour and bright melodies, fresh invention and other pleasant qualities which would make an occasional inclusion in our programmes quite welcome. The Symphony in C made a nice opening for last Tuesday's concert and was given an appropriate reading.

Two and a half years ago we heard Vustaz's "Suite for Strings," op. 53. Based on French folktunes, it made a good impression through the pleasant, moderate and unpretentious treatment of its material. "Moses," condensed from the music to an oratorio of the same title, may probably be more acceptable as accompaniment to the words in the oratorio, but as concert music it cannot hold interest. The movements are conceived in the vein in which Europeans who had never come into contact with the Orient and its music described oriental scenes many, many years ago. In this Vuataz is in quite good company: see Verdi ("Aida" Ballets), Sibelius ("Belshazzar's Feast"), Ketelbey ("Persian Market"), Saint-Saens ("Samson and Delilah") and many others, but for us, this sounds like film music of a mediocre order. Georg Singer and the orchestra gave the work a well-rehearsed and sympathetic interpretation.

The soloist of the concert was Ronit Amir, the Haifa pianist who has recently returned from eight years' study in the U.S. with famous teachers such as Vengerova, Steuermann and Serkin, having previously studied with Ilona Vincze and Leo Kestenberg. To play a Brahms Piano Concerto is no easy undertaking, and requires, besides courage, a mature personality to do full justice to the work's beauty and intricacies. Ronit Amir would perhaps have been better advised to start her piano career in Israel with a less complex work, as her interpretation seemed quite erratic and could not fully convince. However, she is definitely in possession of sound technical and musical faculties, and one must await her solo recital, which she will give next month, to learn more about her musical personality.

AMIR

Y. BOEHM

Abroad

KAREL Salomon, whose "Suite on Greek Themes" is among the most widely performed Israel compositions, also often appears on programmes as transcriber of classical works which he has adapted most successfully for use in orchestral concerts. His adaptation of a Serenade for Wind Instruments, taken from music written for mechanical flute-clock by Josef Haydn, has lately been performed in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Hamburg and Graz by Heinz Freudenthal, who also conducted six times Salomon's transcription for orchestra of Dvorak's Sonatina in G for Violin and Piano, op. 100, which, as a Sinfonietta, meets with great acclaim everywhere. The Helsinki paper, "Sanomat," writes of a recent performance in Finland: "K. Salomon's Suite shows professional workmanship, rich inspiration, originality and splendid orchestral effects. Heinz Freudenthal's interpretation was exceptional."

THE Department for Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency in Algiers seems to be very active in the cause of Israeli music. According to programmes and reviews received, two concerts held there in January included works by Paul Ben-Haim (Concerto for Strings, Cantata "Roni Akara" and Three Songs Without Words), Menahem Avidom (Concertino for Cello and Piano, part of his "Psalm Cantata"), H. Jacoby's Quintet for Wind Instruments, K. Salomon's Variations on "Am Yisrael Hai" and the "*Rapsodie Orientale*" by the young composer Habib Touma from Nazareth. The participants were the *Orchestra des causeries concerts*, directed by Maurice Recht, the *Chorale des causeries concerts*, conducted by Georges Athouel and local soloists.

Y.B.

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Man's Best Friends at London Show

By S. J. GOLDSMITH

LONDON.— "MAN'S best friend," is what dog-lovers call the dog. I have never heard a dog say it, although I do have some contacts in these circles, living as I do in Hampstead where the dogs have the freedom of the lovely parks. At the 64th Cruft's Dog Show, the greatest dog event in the world (named after a London jeweller, Charles Cruft, who organized the first show in 1886, died in 1938 — and never owned a dog), I could get no confirmation from any of the 6,563 pampered dogs on exhibit. On the contrary, all those darlings gave me the impression that the whole world was at their paws, and the organizers, visitors — 50,000 of them — and press people were their devoted slaves. I saw miniature poodles resting on velvet cushions; Welsh corgis wearing mink jackets; smooth dachshunds wearing diamond bracelets; pekinese in fur booties, and spaniels dressed in mohair slips. There were barkless little basengis, tiny Yorkshire terriers, fierce, large wolfhounds — 40 breeds all told. I am almost sure that some dogs believe in the theory of racial superiority. You should have seen the disdain shown by boxers to retrievers, and the snobbery of the 100-guinea cairns...

One of the dogs was wearing expensive-looking glasses. The bright neon lights gave him eyestrain, his mistress explained. She, too, was wearing glasses, but of a much cheaper make, supplied by the National Health Service. The gloomy collies with their long faces looked like starving poets, but it was a misleading impression; they are well provided for.

There was no barking at the show, I mean not the barking we are used to. No wonder. These dogs are not supposed to do guard duty at night. They are guarded by their owners. Some of them sleep in special bedrooms and some in their owners' beds. They could never go back to the woods like Jack London's Buck. They are overfed and overcivilized. If they had an empire of their own, it would have fallen like the Roman Empire, and for the same reasons.

True, these dogs do not speak proper English as yet, but they have already forgotten how to bark. They are in a state of transition, as it were.

I have almost forgotten to give you the popularity list (some dog owners in Israel may be interested): Miniature poodles, corgis, alsatians, boxers, cocker spaniels, pekinese in this order. Some of their names would do film stars proud: Silcresta, Beechover, Storm Sabreflash, Asoca Ardent, Brustall Caesar, Colinwood Lariot, Poupon of Braxted (a titled aristocrat this one), Baron Helton (another aristocrat), Calluna Laird, Alexander of Stubham (of aristocratic German origin and proud of it) and Sauminda Sally.

Some of them are for sale — if you can manage a hundred pounds — sterling.

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Elegy for the Homing Pigeon

EVERYBODY knows the story of how the Rothschilds made their fortune by getting an advance message of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo. (Not that I believe it, but you hear it again and again.) The news allegedly came to them via a homing pigeon. Now here is a true story of a feat achieved during the late war.

On October 18, 1943, a blue homer saved 1,000 British soldiers who had taken an Italian village, unknown to Allied H.Q. If the pigeon, named G.I. Joe, a pretty bird with white spots, had not flown 20 miles in as many minutes with a message calling off a scheduled bombing of the village, the British detachment would have been lost. Many more such tales could be told; but now homers are no longer bred, except by a very few sporting enthusiasts, for they have been superseded by electronics. There is no practical use for them any longer. The American Signallers have sold their 1,000 birds by auction to animal lovers. Only a few of these pigeons, the outstanding war heroes, went to zoos.

Homing pigeons have flown astounding distances, but they are outclassed by the Manx shearwater. Here is the latest news about such a bird banded in Wales and taken by air to Boston, over 5,000 kilometres away: 13 days later he was home, safe and sound.

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